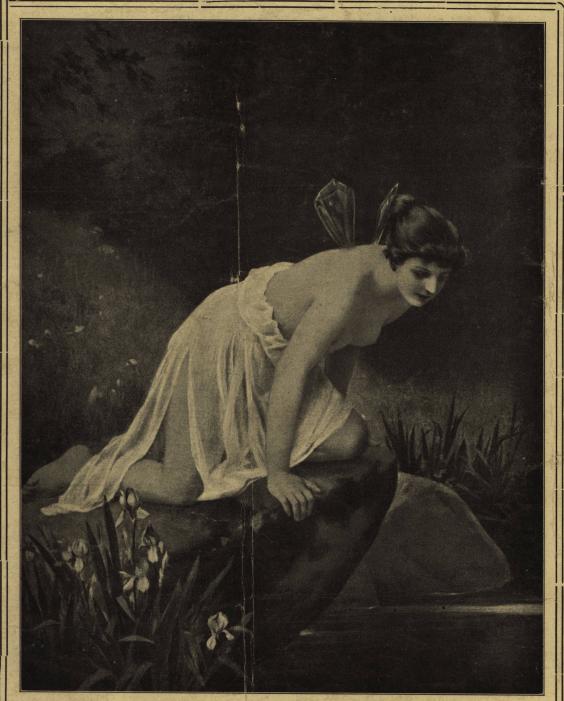
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was too much the seat of the Muses, with its princely amateurs, its con- was always obliged to stay after the rest of his letters to her, written in 1806, which gress of great artists, Haydn still living, the were gone, and add a half dozen fugues of are full of the purest passion, while their spirits of Gluck and of Mozart (only a year Bach "by way of a blessing." Frequently abrupt, impatient style seems all along to since departed) still hovering over the the old man would not let him go at all. place, ever to let him "return;" and "better days" he was destined never to know.

second visit to England, he withdrew from standard for players all over the world. his instructions entirely, and was never again intimate with him. Schenk from that him. By the year 1800 he had composed his of art. The remarkable "Will," which he time became the confidential corrector of two first symphonies, over twenty sonatas, addressed to his brothers during a severe his compositions, even after Albrechtsberger trios, quartets and his well known septet, sickness in 1802, described his state: gave him lessons in counterpoint.

haps the only place where he could have and chief source of his inspiration through found patrons worthy of him. His proud this early period and long after. Though disregard of outer rank, which he would never married, though never blessed with a about music, my dear?" never condescend to flatter, and which (un- fair ministering spirit, like Mozart's Concourtesy, believing as he did that genius secret passion always preyed upon him. record on the other side."

and virtue derive the only true patent of But so ideal was it that it doomed itself to

The Prince Carl von Lichnowsky, too, the of speech. most noble-minded of those Austrian princes, He went to Vienna, already a distinguished with his consort, became like father and ortario, the "Mount of Olives" which he composer, but comparatively ignorant of the mother to the young artist. Their "kindness wrote during a summer residence in a pleasscience of counterpoint; for his own instinct pursued" him and "did not abate even ant village adjoining the Imperial Gardens revealed to him the laws, so far as they when the adopted son, by his obstinancy of Schonbrun. Both this and his only opera, were founded in nature, and he had no hesi- would have forfeited the favor of any other "Fidelio," a few years later, were composed tation then, or ever after, in setting at patrons." The princess found everything in the thickest part of the woods in the park nought such as were merely arbitrary. His he chose to do or let alone "right clever, of Schonbrun, where he used to sit between own sense of beauty he trusted, in spite of original," etc. To use his own words, "They the two stems of an oak, which shot out science; and the world soon acknowledged would have brought me up there with from the main trunk a couple of feet above in the violation of the law the presence of a grandmotherly fondness, which was carried the ground. But before this time, "the evil higher law. That he learned much from to such a length that very often the princess principle" (as he called it) in the shape of Haydn is evident from the traces of Haydn was at the point of having a glass shade his brother, Carl, began to govern him, takperceptible in his earlier style, (for instance, made to put over me, so that no unworthy ing advantage of his ignorance of worldly in the first symphony in C major, and in his person might touch or breathe upon me." affairs, and making him suspicious of all first set of three sonatas dedicated to that It was at Prince Lichnowsky's music parties the world. His younger brother, John, soon master). But his confidence in him as a that all Beethoven's compositions were first followed and joined the interest of Carl. teacher was soon destroyed. For returning tried. To the prince's strictures he always It was he, who, having by his thrift some one day from his lesson, with his roll of listened with respect; and indeed censure years later become an owner of real estate, music under his arm, he met the learned from those whom he trusted was dearer to sent in his card one new year's day, as if composer, Schenk. Schenk ran his eye over him than praise. Here, too, was that fa- to provoke and tantalize his unsuccessful, it and found it full of mistakes, which had mous "Rasmowsky Quartet," consisting of nobler brother: "John von Beethoven, Landnot been noticed, though Beethoven said the same four superior artists, who for years owner." Beethoven returned it, "Ludwig that the exercise had just come from performed Beethoven's quartets under his von Beethoven, Brain-owner." Add to these Haydn's correcting hand. This aroused his own direction; thus forming a fountain head troubles the rapid and alarming increase of suspicion; and taking advantage of Haydn's of the genuine Beethoven spirit, and the his deafness, and we see how wretched was

embracing many of his most admired pro-It was the Augustan age of music in ductions. Not only at the shrine of art Vienna when Beethoven settled there, per- had he worshiped. Love was the ruling star

nobility from Heaven; his exposure to cal-disappointment. Its objects, it is said, were umny through the strangeness of his man-generally persons of rank; for with such, ners, and to the malignant criticism of those necessarily, he chiefly associated. Here who envied his rising fame, and could not was the beginning of sorrows-one of the understand his compositions; and his deter-causes which shut his heart against the mined principle of never writing a word in world, and made him solitary and reserved, his own defense, unless his honor were at; while it infused a depth and strength of tacked-would have found him little favor, passion, an unutterable longing, into his had there not been among the wealthy and compositions of that time. His "Sonata Papowerful of Vienna those who had a soul for thetique," (Op. 13 his Sonata in A-flat (conart, and insight enough to read his Heaven-taining the "Marcia Funebre" (Op. 26) and derived patent of equality with the greatest. that other in C-sharp minor (Op. 27) called His first welcomer and friend was Von the "Moonlight Sonata;" his incomparable Swieten, once physician to the Empress song, "Adelaide," etc., etc., may be regarded Maria Theressa-a zealous amateur, whose as confessions of a platonic love, which delight it was, in his old age, to assemble shrunk from the cold air, where words pass the finest musical talent in his house. Here current. The Giulietta Guicciardi, to whom Beethoven became acquainted with the com- the latter sonata is dedicated, was for a long positions of Handel, Bach and all the great time the "bright particular star." Nothing masters as far back as Palestrina, and he is told concerning her; but we have several curse the coarse and unmanageable nature

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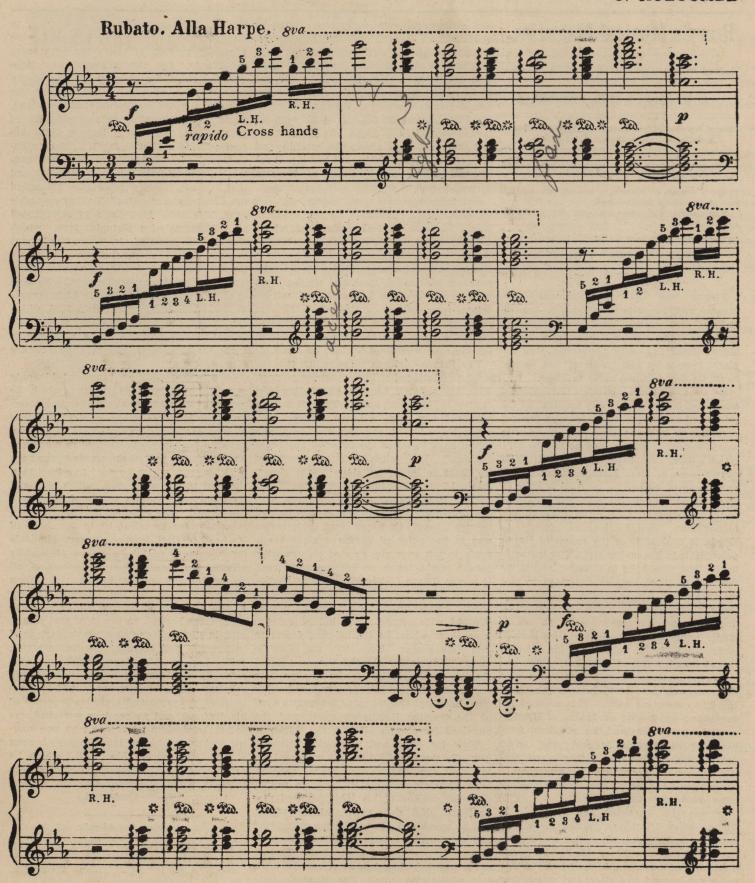
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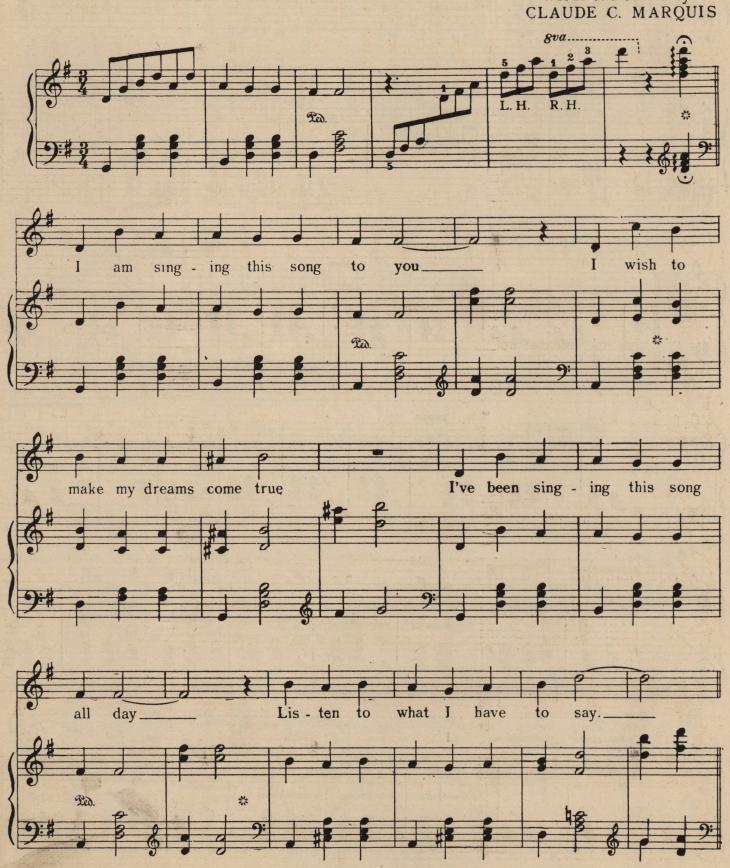


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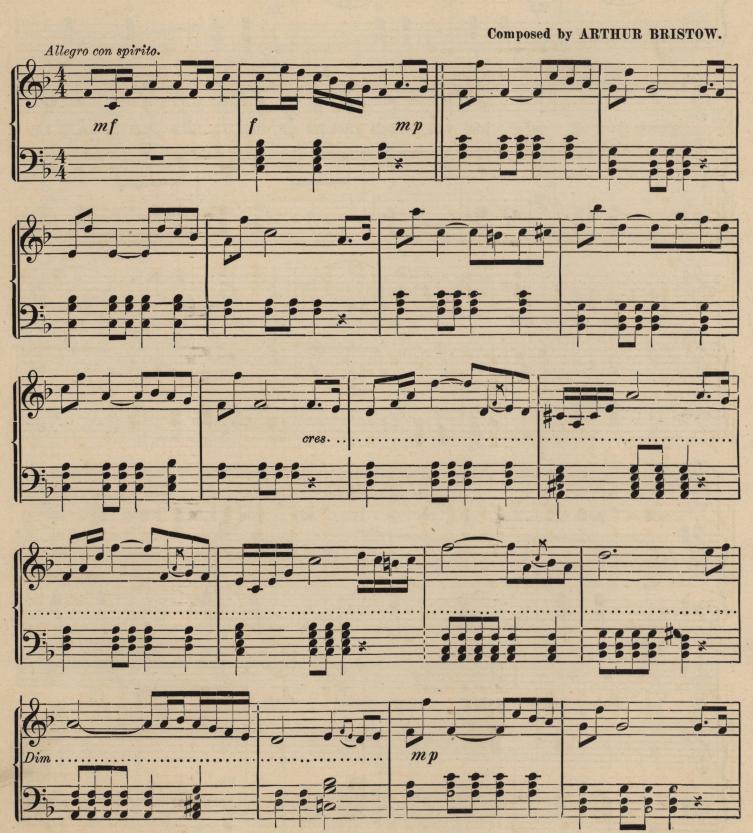


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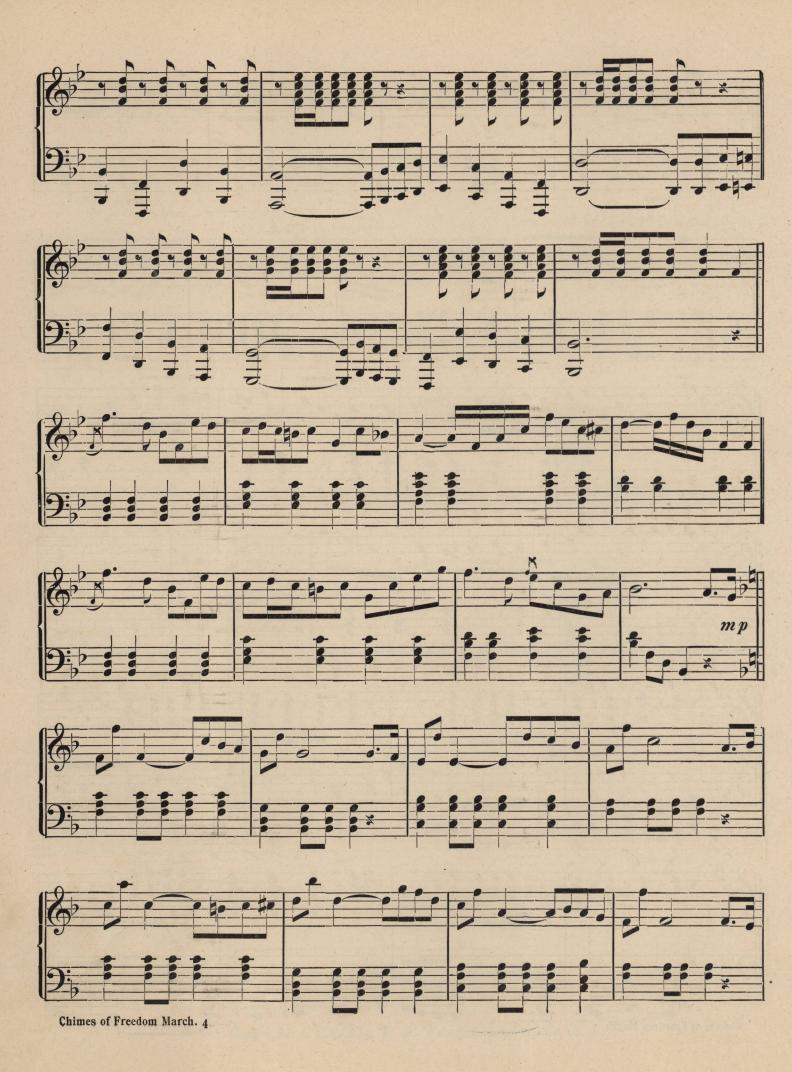
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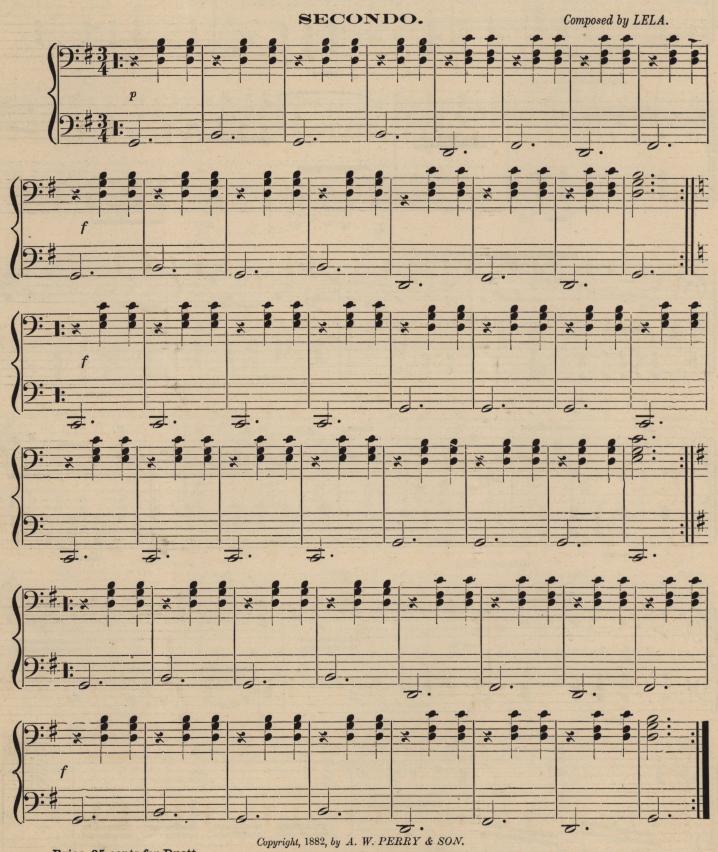




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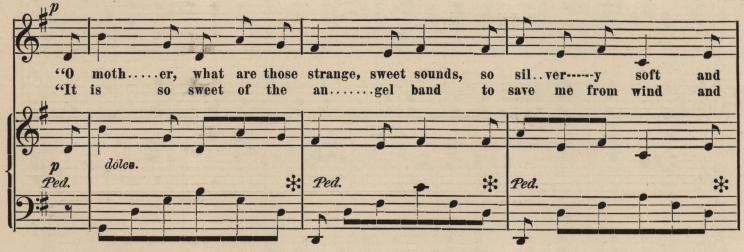
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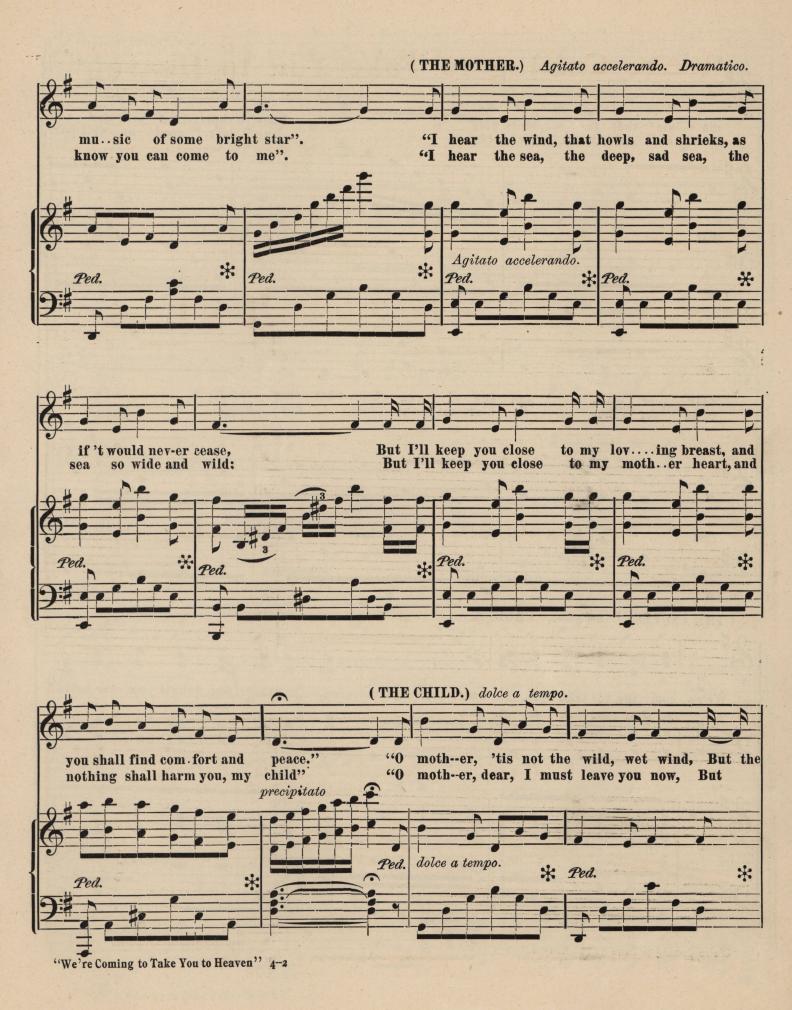
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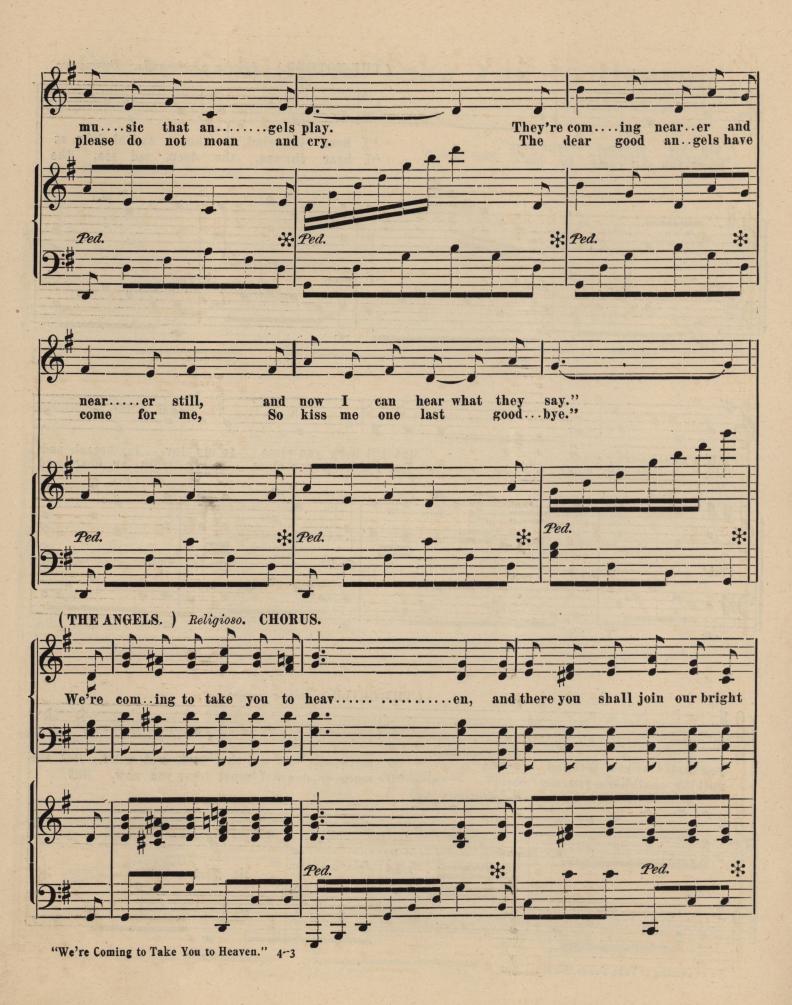


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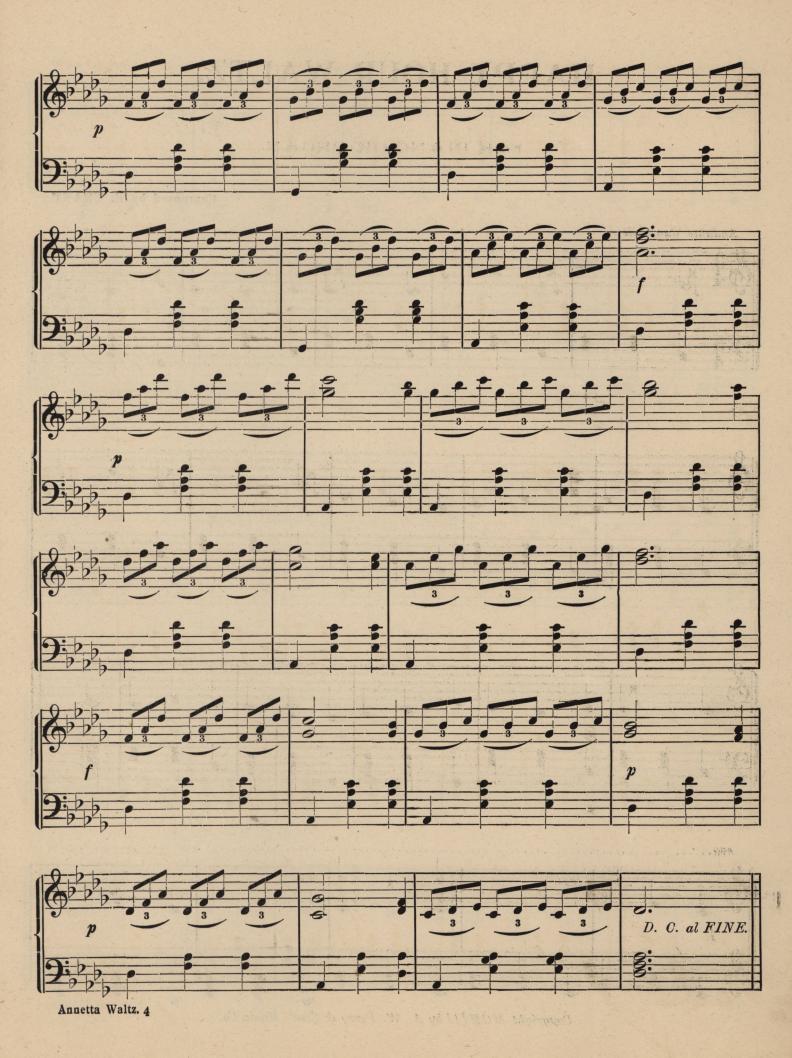
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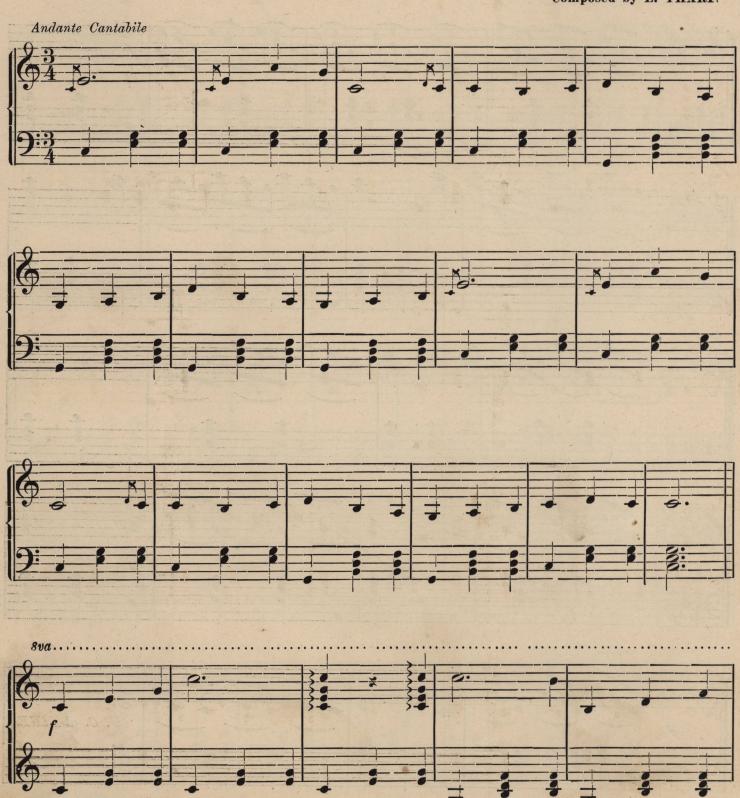




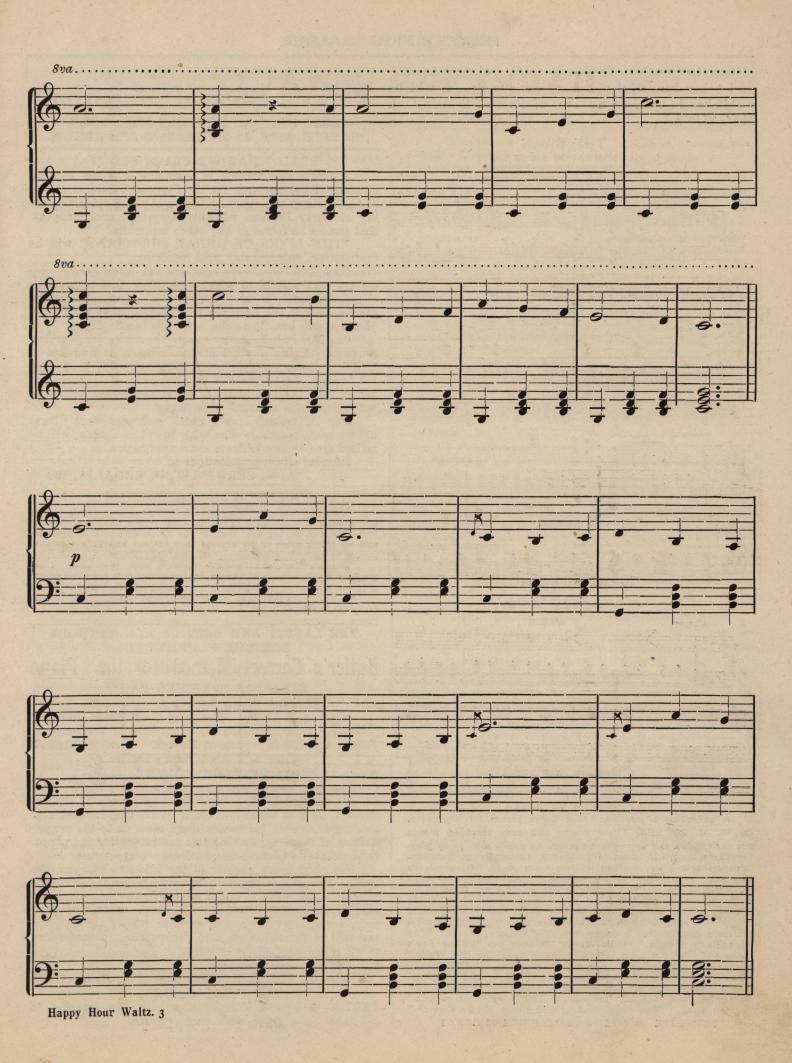
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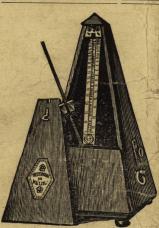
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